

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 10-13 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 14 and 19-20 have been amended. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 14 and 19-20 are presented for examination. Applicants have previously paid filing fees in an amount sufficient to cover all of the claims that will be pending after entry of the claim amendments below, and thus no additional filing fee is due in association with the submission of this Amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments, and the remarks that follow, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Noted with appreciation is the indication in the Office Action that dependent Claim 14 recites allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 depended from Claims 1, 10 and 12. The foregoing amendments add to Claim 14 the limitations of Claims 1, 10 and 12, in order to place Claim 14 in independent form. In addition, Applicants noted that there was no clear antecedent basis for the reference to "the second line" in the last clause of Claim 14. In order to improve the form of Claim 14 by providing a proper antecedent basis for "the second line", the foregoing amendments add an additional phrase to Claim 14, reciting: "wherein there are another two of the dummy structures that are connected by a second line". The addition of this phrase improves the form of Claim 14, without altering the intended scope, and without removing any of the language that makes Claim 14 allowable. Claim 14 should now be in proper condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Amendments have been made in other claims so that Claims 2-5, 7-9 and 19-20 all depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent Claim 14. Claims 2-5, 7-9 and 19-20 are believed to be distinct from the art of record, for at least the same reasons as Claim 14. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Comment Regarding Canceled Claims

Claims 1, 6 and 10-13 have been canceled. This should not be interpreted to mean that Applicants agree with the grounds of rejection that were applied to these claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application that presents the subject matter of canceled Claims 1, 6 and 10-13 for further consideration on the merits.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims should now be in proper condition for allowance, and that all outstanding issues in this application have been resolved. It is therefore respectfully requested that this application be promptly allowed and passed to issue. If the Examiner believes there are any remaining issues that have not been resolved, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8647, so that those issues can be promptly resolved.

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Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

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